

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

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AMENDMENT TO ITEM NO. 24

Existing law does not provide a system of health care coverage for all Californians and does not require employers to provide health care coverage for employees and dependents. And yet, we know that more than 80 percent of the uninsured are working people or their families. These are hardworking residents who go to work every day, pay taxes, and provide for their families, but their employers do not provide health insurance. Senate Bill Number 2, authored by Senators John Burton and Jackie Speier, would require employers to provide health care coverage for eligible employees and dependents—including prescription drug coverage. Employers could opt to pay a fee to the state to provide coverage and require employees to pay up to 20 percent of the cost of coverage. In Los Angeles County, we are well aware of the cost burden on local government to provide healthcare services to the uninsured. We should seek all reasonable legislative remedies to provide coverage for our residents.

I, THEREFORE, FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Supervisors take a support position on SB 2 and send a five-signature letter to Governor Davis and to Senators Burton and Speier, to members of the Senate Committee on Insurance, and to members of the Los Angeles legislative delegation urging support of SB 2.

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